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July 10, 2014

Federal Election Commission
Office of Complaints Examination and Legal Administration
Attn: Kim Collins, Paralegal
999 E. Street, NW
Washington, DC 20436

Re: **MUR 6849**
Kansans for Tiahrt and Todd Tiahrt

Dear Mr. Jordan,

On behalf of Kansans for Tiahrt and myself, I request an extension of time to respond to the Federal Election Commission's letter informing me that a complaint had been filed in the above referenced matter. I received the Commission's letter and accompanying materials on Monday, July 7, 2014 and the response is currently due July 22, 2014.

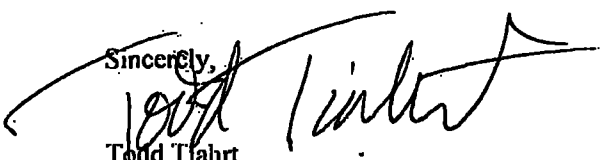
I respectfully request a thirty-day extension of time to respond, or until August 22, 2014. The complaint is factually complex and involves events spanning over the course of five months with dozens of elected officials, candidates, and constituents involved. This extension will permit me to obtain counsel to assist in reviewing the complaint and to obtain statements and affidavits of individuals with relevant knowledge so that my campaign committee and I may fully and adequately respond to each of the allegations. Accordingly, I request a thirty-day extension of time to respond to the complaint in this matter.

I also wish to make the Commission aware of the following statement made by the complainant, Ms. Jean Deterding, and published in *Bloomberg Businessweek* on Wednesday, July 9, 2014. A copy of the news story is attached.

Deterding, who also is a lawyer, says, "If the FEC had thought it was baseless, they wouldn't have issued a matters-under-review case number to it."

Neither Kansans for Tiahrt nor I have given written consent to making the above referenced matter public. I believe Ms. Deterding's public statements are in willful violation of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) and I respectfully request that Ms. Deterding be assessed a fine in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(B).

Sincerely,


Todd Tiahrt

Kansans for Tiahrt

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Citizens Bank drawn into political dispute via Facebook [The Wichita Eagle ::]

July 09—A political dispute became a business one for Citizens Bank of Kansas on Monday.

Bank chairman Jane Deterding filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission late last month over Kansans for Responsible Government, Wink Hartman Sr.'s super PAC.

"I just did it individually," Deterding says. "No covert operation here."

Nor was there a connection to her family's bank, she says.

However, State Sen. Michael O'Donnell has found one, and on Monday he used Facebook to share it.

"Ms. Deterding at the Citizens Bank of Kansas filed just completely baseless and false charges against me and Wink Hartman regarding involvement with the Tiahrt campaign," says O'Donnell, whose Facebook profile picture is of himself with former U.S. Sen. Bob Dole.

"I got into politics with Bob Dole, and he taught us to play hard but play fair," says Deterding, who worked for Dole from 1983 to 1987. "That's not what's happening in the Tiahrt campaign."

Deterding, a friend and supporter of U.S. Rep. Mike Pompeo, says she believes that Hartman is inappropriately funneling money to the campaign of former U.S. Rep. Todd Tiahrt, Pompeo's opponent in the current 4th District House primary race. She says she believes that O'Donnell, Hartman's marketing director, is serving as a go-between.

O'Donnell conducted a "poll" related to Deterding.

"Facebook poll: Who banks with Citizens Bank of Kansas? I've never come across such unethical leadership in my life," O'Donnell wrote.

"I was just wondering who had banked with that bank, and I was trying to get reactions," O'Donnell says.

He says there were some positive responses about the bank "and some unflattering posts, too, so I was just seeing if that's the way she operates her business life."

Deterding says she's not Facebook friends with O'Donnell, but that a friend pointed out the post.

"I thought he doesn't understand politics," Deterding says. "There's no win for me to do this, to file this complaint. There's nothing to be gained by the bank."

She says she decided to file the FEC complaint after chatting with others who agreed it needed to be done. Deterding says she considered potential ramifications for the bank.

"Oh, sure. Oh, sure. Thought about it a lot. Discussed it with ownership and management," she says. "At the end of the day, probably my mother's comment was the best: 'You know, this is something that ought to be done. I think you ought to do it.' So I did."

O'Donnell says Deterding has overstepped.

"She has no clue about any of the charges she's been leveling against us," he says.

He says neither Hartman nor Tiahrt would break the law and that he wouldn't either.

"We have our attorneys that have made sure we are aware of the boundaries."

O'Donnell says he doesn't know why Deterding wouldn't call him or Hartman or Tiahrt to see if her allegations were true.

"It's just troubling that a leader of a bank would be so (quick) to falsely charge individuals that have a political opinion that differs from hers."

Deterding, who also is a lawyer, says, "If the FEC had thought it was baseless, they wouldn't have issued a matters-under-review case number to it."

The FEC confirms it received the complaint but won't comment on what action it may have taken with it.

O'Donnell says Deterding "clearly ... believes in political points more than honesty or ethics." He has deleted his Facebook post, though.

"I deleted the Facebook post because I didn't want to perpetuate this issue," O'Donnell says. "I'm a Christian, and I don't believe that we should attack someone because they attack us. So I

decided to remove the Facebook post, but I still am very troubled with her actions."

Instead of selling his Jet Bar-B-Q at 1100 E. Third St. as planned, John "Jetman" Thien has entered into a joint venture with Buddy Colson to run the business.

"I've been eating Jet's food for, like, 30 years myself," Colson says. "I just want to keep the food going because I know he's wanting to retire."

Colson most recently was retired, but he was in the restaurant business for years before that. His last job was district manager for Arby's in Kansas.

"He has a great deal of experience in corporate restaurants," Thien says.

Colson is a familiar face at Jet Bar-B-Q. After eating there for just about all of the restaurant's 32 years, he says he's "been basically an understudy" for the last couple of years. He says Thien's food is consistent, and he doesn't plan to change anything about it.

He has, though, added a couple of days a week to the restaurant's schedule. It's now open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day but Sunday. Also, there's no longer a drive-through down the middle of the former firehouse. Colson says it made it too hot in the summer and too cold in the winter. He's also added air conditioning to make the space more comfortable.

Colson says he's never wanted to own his own restaurant, but he says that could be a possibility with Jet Bar-B-Q one day.

"I've got six kids and five grandkids, so I think we can keep it going ... as long as people keep coming to support us," Colson says.

Though he doesn't have plans to sell right now, Thien says he knows it will come to that one day.

"Eventually I'm either going to become senile or die, I have no doubt. Which one comes first is the question."

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-- Wichita Aero Club president Dave Franson writing in a Professional Pilot commentary about the expense of flying personal aircraft

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